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County of Ventura Elections Division - COMPLAINANTS

BEFORE THE COUNTY OF VENTURA CAMPAIGN FINANCE
ETHICS COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)	Case No. P2012-08
)	
Democratic Campaign Council of Ventura)	
County, Gary Crummitt - Treasurer)	
)	STIPULATION, DECISION AND
)	ORDER
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RESPONDENTS)	

The appointed outside Investigator for the County of Ventura Campaign Finance Ethics Commission (the "Commission") in this matter, Craig Steele, and the Democratic Campaign Council of Ventura County and its treasurer Gary Crummitt (collectively, "Respondents") hereby agree that this Stipulation will be submitted for consideration by the Commission at its next scheduled meeting, and that the agreements herein are contingent upon the approval of this stipulation and the accompanying Decision and Order by the Commission.

The parties agree to enter into this Stipulation to finally resolve all factual and legal issues raised by the Complaint in Case No. P2012-08, and to reach a final disposition without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing to determine the liability (or lack thereof) of the Respondents. Upon approval of the Decision and Order by the Commission and compliance with the terms of this Stipulation by Respondents, the Commission shall take no further enforcement action against Respondents (either jointly or severally) relating to complaints or allegations regarding the facts and circumstances underlying Case No. P2012-08.

Contingent upon the Commission's approval of this stipulation and accompanying Decision and Order, Respondents understand, and hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive, any and all procedural rights under the Ventura County Code, the Procedural Rules of the Commission and applicable State law including, without limitation, the issuance and receipt of an accusation, the right to personally appear at any administrative hearing held in this matter, to confront and cross-examine all witnesses testifying at the hearing, to

subpoena witnesses to testify at the hearing, and to have the Commission or an impartial administrative law judge hear the matter.

Complaint No. P2012-08 alleges that Respondents violated Section 1275(a) of the Ventura County Code ("the Ordinance") when Respondents made an independent expenditure in excess of \$1,000 supporting Steve Bennett in the 2012 primary election and failed to report that expenditure within 24 hours as required by the Ordinance. On May 30, 2012, Respondents distributed a mailer supporting ten candidates for various offices at different levels of government. Mr. Bennett was the only candidate featured on the mailer running in an election subject to the provisions of the Ordinance. Respondents did not file Ventura County Form 1275, Report of Independent Expenditures, within 24 hours of making the expenditure as required by Section 1275(a), nor did they file a copy of the mail piece with that report. Respondents appear to have reported the expenditure on California filings. After having been notified of the violation by the Elections Division, Respondents filed form 1275 and a copy of the mailer on November 23, 2012, after the election.

Respondents' treasurer has been cooperative in the investigation, admitted the filing error, and indicated he was unaware of the County's additional filing requirement.

As the full and final stipulated resolution of Case No. P2012-08, Respondents hereby agree to pay an administrative fine of \$1,000.00 to the County of Ventura. While less than the maximum possible fine that could be levied in this matter, the amount is justified by the following facts:

1. Respondents did not attempt to conceal the identity of its donors;
2. Respondents have no other enforcement history with the County of Ventura;
3. Respondents cooperated in the investigation and admitted the violation;
4. The Ventura County election was part of a larger expenditure.

Respondents hereby agree that if further consideration of this matter by the Commission becomes necessary, no Commission board members or staff, nor the Executive Director, shall be disqualified because of prior consideration of this Stipulation.

DATED: February 8, 2013



Craig A. Steele, Investigator
COUNTY OF VENTURA CAMPAIGN
FINANCE ETHICS COMMISSION

DATED: 2/12/13



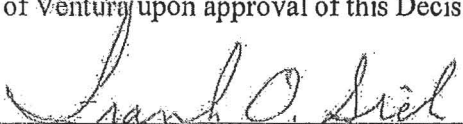
Gary Crummitt, Treasurer
Respondents

DECISION AND ORDER

Case Nos. P2012-08

The County of Ventura Campaign Finance Ethics Commission ("Commission") has considered the above Stipulation and a report from its investigator at its meeting on February 22, 2013. The Commission hereby approves the Stipulation and orders that, in accordance with the Stipulation, Respondents shall pay a stipulated fine of \$1,000.00 to the General Fund of the County of Ventura upon approval of this Decision and Order.



DATED: 2-22-13



Frank O. Sieh, Chair
COUNTY OF VENTURA CAMPAIGN
FINANCE ETHICS COMMISSION


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		Authorized Signature
		





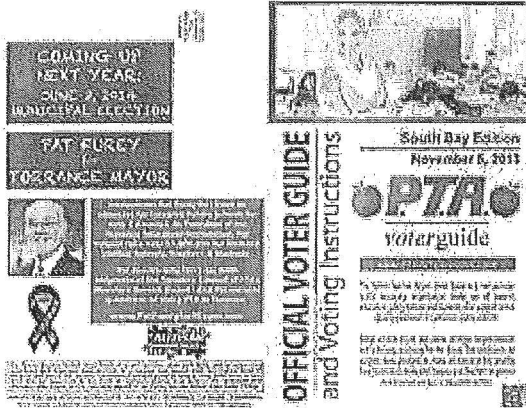
FPFC fines Torrance political consultant and son of mayoral candidate Pat Furey

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The state's Fair Political Practices Commission on Thursday assessed a \$1,750 penalty to the son of Torrance Councilman Pat Furey, a political consultant and the manager of his father's mayoral campaign.

Patrick Furey, as the councilman's son is known, was fined for his role in creating a slate mailer called the P.T.A. Voter Guide that caused an uproar in the education community last fall because some believed it was deceptive.

Torrance resident Gavin Hachiya Wasserman, a member of the commission, characterized the FPFC penalty as akin to a settlement in a civil court case.

"It's something both parties have agreed upon to put this behind them," he said.

The mailer was widely criticized in the community because it appeared the PTA had endorsed the candidates mentioned in the piece, among them Pat Furey. The organization does not endorse political candidates.

The fine print of the mailer disclosed that the acronym actually stood for Parent Teacher Action Voter Guide and that the group was "not affiliated with national PTA nor any Parent Teacher Association."

The commission took action against Furey, a political consultant with Torrance-based Liberty Campaign Solutions and vice chair of the Torrance Traffic Commission, and Gary Crummitt, who owns the Long Beach-based political consulting firm Crummitt and Associates, for their roles in creating the mailer.

Furey was described by the FPFC as the "organization's principal officer who oversees its slate mailers," while Crummitt was treasurer.

The panel said the mailer failed to include precise language in the "Notice to Voters" disclaimer as required by law. That disclaimer requires the disclosure of such information as who paid for the guide and notification that the group behind it is "not an official political party organization."

Patrick Furey did not immediately respond to a message left at his political consulting firm

seeking comment.

Pat Furey's picture and information about his mayoral candidacy was prominently placed on the front of the mailer, which was distributed before November elections in the South Bay, even though the Torrance election was eight months away.

"As president of the Torrance Education Foundation, Pat helped raise over \$1,000,000 for Torrance Unified Schools, teachers and students," it read in part. "Pat and his wife Terry are both recipients of the Torrance Council of PTAs Honorary Service Award — and Pat remains a member of every PTA in Torrance."

Furey, a retired county counsel, addressed his inclusion in the mailer in a December article in the Daily Breeze about a \$75,000 ethics program for candidates and voters the city had started. He said the mailer had nothing to do with him and had nothing to do with the ethics program anyway.

"I didn't produce it, I didn't authorize it," Furey said. "I don't have any control over slate mailers that may or may not include me for free. ... I wish I was never on it. I'm sorry if it hurt somebody's feelings."

Janet Tajii, president of the Torrance Council of PTAs, which includes 30 local PTAs, said she believes the FPPC action was fair.

"If a rule is broken, I think it's fair for there to be a penalty for it," she said. "I was very upset they attempted to mislead the voters and were attempting to suggest the PTA was endorsing candidates."

Like the other two mayoral candidates, Furey has signed a so-called Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

The code includes promises not to "use or permit any dishonest or unethical practice which tends to undermine our American system of free elections" and states that the candidate should "take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections."

Furey, who also previously served on Mayor Frank Scotto's blue ribbon ethics committee to create ethics guidelines for city employees and elected officials, did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

It's unclear what effect the state sanction against Furey's son and campaign manager will have on his mayoral bid.

Scotto and fellow mayoral candidate Tom Brewer both declined to comment. Councilman Bill Sutherland, who is also running for mayor, did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

Tajii declined to say how the state fine reflected upon Furey's campaign.

"This was his son and I have no knowledge he had any knowledge of this," she said.

El Camino College political science professor Lance Widman said most voters will likely have a different perspective — if they're aware of the issue at all.

"It's going to be guilt by association," he said. "It's the same last name and people are not going to know the difference.

"It assumes people are even paying attention, of course, and that's a very big assumption," he added. "My hunch is 80 percent of the voters don't even know there's an election yet."

It's not the first time the state political ethics panel has censured a political campaign organized by Patrick Furey.

Last November, the commission issued a warning letter to the Justice Political Action Committee over automated telephone calls placed to Simi Valley residents during a 2012 municipal election campaign.

The FPPC "found that you failed to include required language stating that the calls were not authorized by a candidate or a committee controlled by a candidate," according to the letter.

Furey is the principal of the PAC, said Simi Valley-based attorney Mitchell Ellis Green, who has filed a defamation lawsuit in Ventura County against Furey, Liberty Campaign Solutions and others involved in the campaign.

Green is seeking \$980,000 in damages for a client, a local businessman, who alleges he was harmed both financially and emotionally by "intentionally false statements" made during the robocalls that contended he was under investigation by a grand jury.

Green said Furey is in "technical default" because he has not yet responded to the lawsuit as he is required to do.

URL: <http://www.dailybreeze.com/government-and-politics/20140417/fppc-fines-torrance-political-consultant-and-son-of-mayoral-candidate-pat-furey>

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LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY'S ASSOCIATION

LACAA

MINUTES - BOARD MEETING

Date: Monday, June 10, 2013

9:30 a.m.

Engine Co. No. 28

Oscar Winslow, President

Mary Dennis, 1st Vice President

Mark Lambert, 2nd Vice President

Garcelle Embry, Treasurer

Ann Rosenthal, Secretary

Chris Bobo, Proprietary

Marie McTeague, Civil Director

Amy Brothers, Civil Director

Josh Geller, Criminal Director

Onica Cole, Criminal Director

Patrick Hiscocks, Criminal Director

Time: _____

Location: _____

Present: _____

1. PAC Meeting

LACAA was informed that the accountancy firm of Miller Kaplan was no longer handling PAC accounts. The Board considered three firms: Reed & Davidson, LLP (Los Angeles); The Sutton Law Firm (San Francisco); and Olson, Hagel & Fishburn, LLP (Sacramento). The three firms were discussed. It was noted that the Sutton Law Firm had a conflict because of the Trutanich Election. LACAA has consulted with Reed & Davidson in the past with regard to Prop. A.

Motion: _____

By Bobo: To retain Reed & Davidson, LLP, to manage the PAC account. Second: Hiscocks

In favor: Winslow, Dennis, Lambert, Embry, Rosenthal, Bobo, Against:
McTeague, Brothers, Geller, Hiscocks.

None.

Abstain: _____

Cole Motion Passed.*Trutanich**Shillman**Crummitt*



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Alan Jackson for District Attorney 2012 (*County of Los Angeles*)

Beverly Hills North Homeowners Association PAC

Bonnie Dumanis for Mayor 2012 (*City of San Diego*) ✓

California Voter Guide (*Slate Mailer Organization*)

Committee to Elect Mansour Meisami to School Board 2011 (*ABC Unified School District*)

Garland Peed for Superior Court Judge 2012 (*County of San Diego*) ✓

Greater Santa Barbara Lodging & Restaurant Association Candidate PAC

John Mavar for City Council 2011 (*City of Los Angeles, #15*)

Kevin James for Mayor 2013 (*City of Los Angeles*)

Majority Makers 2012

Re-Elect Bonnie Dumanis District Attorney 2010 (*County of San Diego*) ✓

Richardson for Congress (*Hon. Laura Richardson CD/44*)

Todd Philips for City Council 2012 (*City of San Diego, #5*) ✓

Torrance Democratic Club

**REGISTERED LOBBYIST – CITY OF SAN DIEGO
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Updated 11/9/06

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Heidel, Lynne L.	2/2/06	Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP	301 LLC 11 & B Investments Beachfront Properties BIOSITE CJUF II Market Street (8/1/06 registered) CarrAmerica Realty Corp (8/1/06 registered) Catholic Diocese of San Diego CLB Partners (10/31/06 registered) Dingus, LLC Douglas Wilson Companies Dow, Donna Finfer, Mark I. Girl Scouts, SD-Imperial Council (8/1/06 reg) Gray Development Group Healthcare Services H.G. Fenton Hillel of San Diego HRS Education Services, Inc. JPI California Development Svcs., LP Kilroy Realty/Sorrento Mesa Corp., Ctr. KLA/Mervyns (10/31/06 registered) Lankford & Associates Loring Street Neighborhood Coalition McMillan, Oliver Paradise Grille (8/1/06 registered) Paseo de Mission Hills, LLC Quantum Properties, LP Robert Green Company, The Roseman, Jon St. Paul's Episcopal Home, Inc. SRM Development San Diego Rescue Mission San Diego Surf Cup (10/31/06 reg'd) Scripps Health Scripps Investments & Loans (8/1/06 reg) Smorgan, Dan Tarsadia Hotels Westfield Corporation, Inc
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Hespeler, William Thomas	1/12/06	Rick Engineering Company	Black Mountain Ranch, LLC Cavallo Farms, LLC
Hewings, Carlton S.	1/12/06 6/1/06 term'd	Rick Engineering Company	Lambron, Greg
Hom, Dan	9/20/06	Porter Novelli	Transportation Corridor Agencies
Ivor, Linda P.	7/13/06	Gen-Probe Inc.	Gen-Probe, Inc.
Jarl, Abby Louise	2/15/06	SD Taxpayers Assn.	SD Taxpayers Assn.

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Full Disclosure of Political Donors Is the Best Way to Prevent Corruption

Fred Wertheimer

Fred Wertheimer is a campaign finance reform activist and president of the watchdog group Democracy 21. In the following viewpoint, the author argues that unlimited and undisclosed campaign contributions, particularly when funneled through tax-exempt organizations, can lead to systemic corruption that will only be addressed through passage of stricter disclosure laws. Wertheimer identifies the main problem as so-called shadow groups, set-up as 501(c)(4)s, which do not have to report their donors by law. According to Wertheimer, most of the shadow groups have been formed by operatives of the Republican National Committee including Karl Rove, the chief political advisor to former President George W. Bush. Wertheimer examines one list of contributors to one of Roves earlier 527 groups, finding that the primary donors consisted of American billionaires. Wert-

Fred Wertheimer, "Secret Funds Flow into Races," Politico.com, September 17, 2010. Copyright © 2010 by Politico.com. Reproduced by permission of the author.